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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

ARGENTINA.

Republic declared free from plague.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 8, 1900.*

SIR: The Department is in receipt of a telegram from the United States minister to the Argentine Republic stating that the territory of the republic is officially declared free from bubonic plague.

Respectfully, JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

AUSTRALIA.

Plague at Sydney, New South Wales.

Weekly bulletin for week ended Saturday, April 28, 1900, at midnight: Remaining under treatment April 21, 70; admitted during the week, 24; discharged recovered during week, 14; died during week, 7; remaining under treatment April 28, 76; total cases to April 28, 156; total deaths to April 28, 53; discharged recovered to April 28, 27; total contacts, isolated to April 28, 924; total contacts remaining to April 28, 260; total cases among contacts, 5.

For the week ended Saturday, May 5, 1900, at midnight: Remaining under treatment, April 28, 1900, 75; admitted to hospital during week, 38; died during week, 10; remaining under treatment May 5, 1900, 99; total cases to May 5, 1900, 193; total deaths to May 5, 1900, 63; discharged recovered, —; total contacts isolated, 1,130; total contacts remaining, 235; total cases among contacts, 7.

C. A. SIMMS, *Secretary.*

BELGIUM.

Report from Antwerp.

ANTWERP, BELGIUM, *May 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith transcript of bills of health issued at the port of Antwerp during the week ended May 26, 1900: Six vessels cleared from this port during that time, all of which carried cargo. Steamship *Friesland* sailed for New York on the 26th instant, carrying 130 cabin and 939 steerage passengers. From the examination held previous to embarkation, 7 of the latter class were refused passage. With the exception of a few cases of smallpox, the health at this port continues good.

Respectfully, E. K. SPRAGUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.